

Ike Meets With Security Chiefs; Cabinet Parley Scheduled Today

THURMONT, Md., Nov. 21 (AP)—President Eisenhower and his top defense strategists—who flew in from Washington in helicopters—met today at secluded Camp David in the snow-covered Catoctin Mountains.

The meeting, in Laurel Lodge, got under way shortly after 2:30 p. m. after four air force helicopters landed in a muddy athletic field with 20 Presidential advisers.

Eisenhower drove 22 miles from his farm home at Gettysburg, Pa., for his first meeting with his top defense planners—the National Security Council and about 15 experts in defense and diplomatic strategy—since before his Sept. 24 heart attack at Denver.

He arrived at his own lodge at Camp David at 2:15 p. m., a few minutes before the first helicopter landed with Secretary of State Dulles, Sherman Adams, the President's chief deputy, Chairman Lewis Strauss of the Atomic Energy Commission, Undersecretary of State Herbert Hoover, Jr., Budget Director Rowland H. Hughes, and Robert R. Bowie, director of the State Department policy planning staff.

The arrival of the first H-21 or "Flying Banana" was followed by that of a smaller H-19 bearing Vice President Nixon and Dillon Anderson, Eisenhower's special assistant for national security affairs. Nixon had flown into Washington earlier in the day after a week end in Florida.

Four Helicopters

These and two other "Flying Bananas" made the trip without incident in a 30-knot wind.

The meeting was the President's first opportunity for a full scale review of the nation's military strength and diplomatic position since negotiations for a peaceful solution of cold war differences with Russia collapsed at the Four Power Geneva conference of Foreign Ministers.

As is usual, the meeting was

private. The conference lasted about two hours. Secretary Dulles stayed on with the President another 30 minutes. James C. Hagerty, Presidential Press Secretary, followed his practice on security meetings of refusing to disclose what was discussed or decided.

After the meeting, several of those attending flew back to Washington by helicopter. AEC Chairman Strauss, however, chose to go back by car.

An icy breeze swept the athletic field as the helicopter floated down into the mud and mire created by melting snow. The 67-year-old Dulles did not wait for a ramp, but easily jumped the three feet to the ground.

Wilson Arrives

The third 'copter brought in Secretary of Defense Wilson, Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey, Harold Stassen, special assistant to the President on disarmament, Attorney General Brownell, Theodore Streibert, head of the U. S. Information Agency, and General Nathan F. Twining, air force chief representing the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The fourth plane brought

Nelson Rockefeller, Presidential assistant for Psychological strategy; John Hollister, head of the International Co-operation Administration; Arthur S. Fleming, defense mobilization director; James S. Lay, executive secretary of the NSC, and S. Edward Gleason, his assistant.

The landing field is located about the length of a football field from the President's own lodge.

Mrs. Eisenhower drove from Gettysburg to Washington earlier in the day to spend tonight at the White House and catch up on housekeeping problems. She plans to rejoin the President when he returns to Gettysburg tomorrow after a 9 a.m. meeting with his Cabinet.

Ike Walks

The President walked the 300-yards from his lodge to Laurel Lodge for this afternoon's session, stopping to look at the helicopters hovering overhead. He was with Allen A. Dulles, a brother of the Secretary of State who flew into Gettysburg this morning to brief the President on intelligence reports in advance of the meeting. Dulles is director of the central intelligence agency.

There was nothing in the demeanor of the Cabinet officers or others to indicate that the security council meeting was any different from the 286 others which have preceded it since 1947. Regular members are the President, Vice President, the Secretary of State, Secretary of Defense and the chiefs of foreign aid and defense mobilization agencies.

They were laughing and joking as they left the aerial taxis and transferred to White House cars which took them over the muddy deeply-rutted road to Laurel Lodge.

But they seemed well aware that they were making at least a footnote to history with the helicopter lift.